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Sir:

Please enter this response to the office action dated October 9, 2002. A marked up set of amended claims is provided below. A clean set of replacement sheets, including the amendments put forth in this response, is attached hereto.

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A method for representing addressing information in a communication system, the method comprising apportioning at least one address into a first portion and a second portion, and encoding the first portion of the at least one address using a regular expression representing an attribute of the first portion of the address and using the regular expression in place of the first portion at least one address.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one address comprises at least one X.121 address.
3. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein using the regular expression in place of the at least one address comprises storing the regular expression in a first portion of a source address field of an address configuration table.